

Iron County Register.

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IRONTON, MISSOURI.

Lord Kitchener, of Khartoum, has been detained in quarantine at Trieste, Austria, on board the steamer Semiramis, from Alexandria, Egypt, where deaths from the plague had occurred.

In a speech from the throne at the opening of the Spanish cortes, on the 2d, it was announced that the Marquis, Caroline and Palois islands had been ceded to Germany by the late Spanish cabinet.

Arguments were concluded in the Dreyfus case before the court of cassation, in Paris, on the 1st, and the president of the court announced that the decision would be delivered at one of the approaching sessions of the court.

At Zanesville, O., on the 31st, Henry Miller filed a petition in bankruptcy in which he gave his liabilities as \$358,787, and assets nothing. This great liability comes from his connection with an abandoned project known as the "Old Calico" railroad.

The British Medical Journal says it has the best of authority for stating that the alarmist reports in regard to Queen Victoria's eyesight are erroneous, and that the rumors of a contemplated operation on her majesty's eyes are mere invention.

Maj. Comte Ferdinand Waslin Esterhazy called at the office of the London Chronicle, on the 2d, and acknowledged the authorship of the notorious bordereau, but declared that he wrote it upon orders from his superiors, whom he denounced as set-of-conscience and liars.

A tin can containing \$20,000 in gold was found by workmen engaged in tearing down the meat shop belonging to the estate of Philip Mather, of Plymouth, O., who died over a year ago. The family decided to tear down his old place of business to erect a new block.

The tenth annual session of the Transmississippi Commercial congress opened at Wichita, Kan., on the 31st, with 300 delegates in attendance. Every state and territory west of the Mississippi, with the exceptions of Washington, Nevada and Idaho, was represented.

Lieut.-Col. Robert Craig, of the signal corps has been ordered to accompany a detachment of signal men from San Francisco, to Manila, P. I., and report for assignment as signal officer of the department of the Pacific to relieve Maj. Richard E. Thompson, ordered to San Francisco.

The Physicians' National Reform league was organized in Toledo, O., on the 31st, with Dr. A. F. Kahlkoff as president. The league will be national in scope and will be for mutual benefit. It is understood to be an association of so-called "advertising doctors."

It has been decided to allow the company of Filipino actors now detained at San Francisco, to enter the United States for the purpose of giving exhibitions. They will be required, however, to furnish a bond that they will return to their homes after the expiration of their engagement.

The steamer Humboldt, arrived at Seattle, Wash., on the 2d, from Alaska, reports that navigation had been resumed in the lakes and upper Yukon river. The transportation companies are engaged in a rate war, and the fare from Lake Bennett to Dawson has been cut from \$100 to \$25.

Lieut.-Col. Du Paty du Clam, seriously implicated by the recent proceedings before the Paris court of cassation and the probable instigator of some of the forgeries that have figured in the Dreyfus case, was placed under arrest, on the 1st, and taken to the Cherche Midid Military prison.

Maj. Marchand, of Fashoda notoriety, arrived in Paris on the 1st, after a triumphant progress from the railway station to the Place de la Concorde, he attended a state luncheon at the ministry of marine, where he received a gold medal and a sword of honor, and, later, was received by President Loubet.

Requests have come to the war department that no persons dying on transports coming to or going from the United States to Manila shall be buried at sea. The secretary of war has taken the matter up, and an order to that effect has been issued, an expert embalmer being detailed for duty on each transport.

There was incorporated with the secretary of state at Albany, N. Y., on the 1st, "The Naval and Military Order of the Spanish-American War," with the principal offices in New York city. Gov. Roosevelt is one of the directors. He also has, briefly, to publish the memories and associations of the war waged against Spain.

During the recent cyclone in Adair county, Ia., where a number of fatalities occurred, the house of A. J. Decker was torn to pieces and completely wrecked, together with outbuildings. Decker's wife and two children were slightly injured. Their baby was found 200 yards from where the house had been, wrapped in a blanket, fast asleep and uninjured.

United States Fish Commissioner Bowers has informed the president that he is about to send out the most scientific expedition ever arranged by the commission. The expedition will sail on the Albatross, in charge of Prof. A. A. Agassiz, to explore the waters of the Pacific ocean. Among the islands to be visited are the Marshall, Society, Fiji and Gilbert groups.

A Pittsburgh (Pa.) special, of the 1st, says: "Prices on all kinds of fresh meats are advancing, and local dealers claim the Chicago packers are squeezing the cost of their embezzled beef vindication out of the public. Dressed beef has advanced \$1.50 per hundred; live beef from 75 cents to \$1 per hundred; sheep from \$1.50 to \$2 per hundred, according to grade, and yearling lambs from \$1 to \$3."

JUNE—1899.

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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Sixty striking machinists returned to work at the Rock Island (Ill.) arsenal on the 31st. Eighty other strikers were left without work, owing to their places being filled during the strike.

Miss Eva Shontz, president of the Young People's Christian Temperance union, of Chicago, has started out to tour the country preparatory to calling a convention to perfect a national organization which will meet in Chicago September 25.

Lieut.-Col. Panizzardi (military attaché of the Italian embassy in Paris when Dreyfus was condemned), says that the Italian embassy always knew that Esterhazy wrote the bordereau.

The Hong Kong daily press reports that the claim made upon the Hong Kong and Shanghai bank by Aguinaldo for \$200,000 deposited with the bank, has been settled, and the money paid over to Aguinaldo's representatives.

A special dispatch from Manila, on the 1st, said that the insurgents had attacked the outposts of the Fifty-first Iowa regiment at San Fernando, and that two Americans were wounded.

Replying to the inquiries of the secretary of war, Gen. Otis cables that he is still of the opinion that 30,000 troops will be necessary for the effective control of the Philippines. It seems altogether likely that a call will soon be made for 10,000 volunteers for foreign service.

The monthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business, May 31, 1899, the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$1,168,991,407, a decrease as compared with last month of \$3,559,557. This decrease in the debt is accounted for by an increase in the cash on hand.

Ex-Gov. Elisha Baxter, of Arkansas, died at his home in Batesville, aged 72 years. He was one of the foremost figures in Arkansas' history. His death recalls the exciting gubernatorial campaign in 1872, and the Brooks-Baxter war that followed.

The 1st, was the most severe San Francisco has felt for 30 years. Though it lasted only 30 seconds the movement was very pronounced from east to west and then half way towards the north, giving a twisting motion. No serious damage was done.

Little Mark Clark, victim of the most mysterious abduction since the kidnapping of "Charlie" Ross, was restored to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Clark, of New York city, on the night of the 1st. She was found secreted in a mountain farmhouse, at Slottsburg, 19 miles from Haverstraw, N. Y.

A 4 a. m., of the 2d, Union Pacific mail and express train No. 1 was held up one and one-half miles west of Wilcox Station, Wyo., by six masked men, evidently professionals, who blew open the safe of the express car and carried away all the contents. The mail was not touched.

The funeral of Col. John M. Stotsen, of the First Nebraska regiment, took place at Arlington cemetery, across the river from Washington, on the 1st. President McKinley, Secretary Alger and Adj.-Gen. Corbin were present at the exercises.

Ed. E. Hardan, of Liberty, Neb., hanged himself on the 31st. He was formerly cashier of the Bank of Liberty, and was a prominent man in Gage county politics and society. Loss of property and drink is assigned as the cause of the act.

The United States weather bureau, which was opened in Colon, Colombia, last September has finally been closed, its being out of the track of the hurricanes. The instruments are to be transferred to Jamaica.

The New York World says: "Carrie Jones, the nurse who had charge of little Marion Clark, was arrested at Summit, N. J., on the night of the 2d." The Chicago Record is authoritative for the statement that a combination of soap manufacturers is being formed, the capital stock to be \$25,000,000.

William J. Bryan attended the convention of Ohio Valley Bi-metallic clubs, at Louisville, Ky., on the 2d, and delivered three addresses during the day and evening. After the night meeting a banquet was given to Mr. Bryan at Fountain Ferry, at which 769 persons sat down.

When the steamer Alameda arrived at San Francisco, from Australia, on the 2d, it was discovered that 5,000 sovereigns were missing, out of 150,000 sent by the steamer from Sydney. The money was shipped in 30 steel boxes, each containing \$5,000 in British gold. One of these boxes was abstracted from the steamer's treasure-room during the voyage.

M. Kratz, the French minister of war, and Mr. Ballot de Beaurieu, the reporter for the court of cassation in the Dreyfus affair, received from Esterhazy, on the 2d, a communication confessing the authorship of the bordereau and asking safe conduct to enable him to go to Paris to give explanations.

As a result of the cabinet meeting, on the 2d, the statement was officially made that no call for volunteers will be issued. This means that the president proposes to draw upon the regular army now in the United States to increase Gen. Otis' force to make up the 20,000 men required.

Coincident with the withdrawal of the volunteer troops in the Philippines, Brigadier Generals Hale, Smith and Funston will be relieved from further duty in that country and ordered home for muster out, being replaced by Brigadier Generals Bates, Young, Gran and Schwan.

As the result of a council of ministers in Paris, on the 2d, it was decided to placard the judgment of the court of cassation in every commune in France. This is a sure indication that the court will decide that revision is necessary in consequence of unprejudiced study of the documents in the Dreyfus case.

A Madrid dispatch of the 3d says: "A convention between Germany and Spain was signed yesterday by the due de Almodovar, minister for foreign affairs, by which Spain cedes to Germany the Carolines, Pelew and Marianne islands. The price which Germany will pay is 25,000,000 pesetas (about \$5,000,000). Spain reserves for herself three coaling stations, which Germany agrees to defend in perpetuity.

In the Transmississippi congress, at Wichita, Kan., on the 2d, ringing resolutions were adopted endorsing the Louisiana Purchase fair, and urging favorable congressional action upon the \$5,000,000 congressional loan feature of the plan to raise the desired \$15,000,000 fair fund for St. Louis.

Belle Anderson, otherwise Carrie Jones, who was employed by the Clark family as nurse for little Marion, was arrested at Whitecloud Ridge, N. J., on the 2d, charged with being one of the conspirators in the abduction plot. She made a confession.

Joseph Bradford has instituted suit in the District of Columbia supreme court to prohibit United States Treasurer Roberts from paying money on account of congressional appropriations made to sectarian institutions. He asks for an injunction, basing his suit on constitutional grounds.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

President Loubet, accompanied by Premier M. Dupuy and the chief of the military household, Gen. McMillan, drove to the Auteuil races, on the 4th. At Auteuil they were met by a violent demonstration, evidently organized, and directed against the president. Such epithets as, "Panama," "Abas Loubet," and "Vive l'armee," were hurled at him, and he narrowly escaped a blow on the head from a bludgeon in the hands of Count Christino.

Speaking of the purchase of the Caroline, Ladron and Pelew islands from Spain by Germany, the Tagische Rundschau, the leading organ of the German expansion policy, says: "Germany obtains the remnants which America, in her superior manner, has despised. The value is small, and there is no need of joyous transports." Other German papers speak in like slighting terms of the German government's late purchases.

The bonds issued by the city of Toledo, O., amounting to \$150,000, which were sold to the Northern national bank and refused on the grounds that the act of the legislature permitting the issue was illegal, were sold, on the 4th, to Spitzer & Co., the city agreeing to refund them at 3 1/2 per cent.

In view of the publication of inflammatory editorials in the press of Santiago de Cuba, Gov.-Gen. Brooke issued an order, on the 4th, directing the appointment of a press censor for Santiago. The editors were indignant, but the public generally were pleased.

The American liner Paris, still on the rocks near the Manacles, was, on the 4th, handed over to the undertakers and salvagers, who will make every attempt to float her. There had been no change in her position since the last attempt to tug her off.

Senator Fairbanks, of Indiana, and Comptroller of the Currency Daves, with their wives, left Chicago, on the 4th, for Seattle, Wash., where they will embark on Admiral Dewey's former dispatch boat, McCulloch, for a visit to Alaskan points.

Several sewer pipe manufacturers of Steubenville, O., who returned from New York, on the 4th, reported that trust unorganized. They said the prospects for its formation were poor.

The queen's birthday was officially celebrated in London on the 3d. The chief event was the trooping the colors on the Horse Guards' parade.

The jury in the case of Baron and Baroness De Bara, on trial in Chicago, charged with using the mails to conduct a fraudulent business, brought in a verdict, on the 5th, finding both of the defendants guilty. The maximum penalty is 12 years and six months imprisonment and a fine of \$12,000. A motion for a new trial was made, and, pending the decision, sentence was deferred.

Brig.-Gen. Wilson, corps of engineers, has just completed a thorough inspection of the river and harbor fortification works on the Pacific coast. He says that he inspected every harbor from the Mexican boundary, beginning with San Diego and ending with posts on Puget Sound. He was very favorably impressed with the condition of the works he inspected.

The steamer Quail sailed from San Francisco for Alaska on the 5th. She carried a large number of passengers, some of whom are destined for the Cape Nome district, which some people credit with being richer than the Klondike.

Isaac Reck and daughter, Mrs. Mary J. Cope, while standing on the P. E. & C. crossing at Allamore, O., were run down by a light engine and instantly killed, the remains being mangled beyond recognition.

By direction of the president, Brig.-Gen. King, who has just arrived at San Francisco from service in the Philippines, has been honorably discharged from the volunteer army, to take effect August 2.

Sherman M. Reese, assistant superintendent of the Ducktown sulphur and copper works, was shot down from ambush and killed by unknown parties, on the 5th, near Isabella, Polk county, Tenn.

A dispatch from Apia, Samoa, via Auckland, N. Z., dated May 31, said: "Both native factions, the Mataitans and the Matafaas, are disarming. Matafaas has surrendered 1,800 guns.

Many burglaries have been committed recently in hotels, stores and private houses in Havana, and the police believe an organized band of American crooks is at work.

Duc d'Arcos, the new Spanish minister, and his wife, called upon Mrs. McKinley at the White House on the 5th. On the 5th the British house of commons voted Gen. Lord Kitchener a grant of \$39,351.

Earthquake shocks were felt at Colon, Colombia, on the 4th and 5th.

JUSTICE FOR DREYFUS.

The French Court of Cassation Makes Known Its Decision in the Dreyfus Case.

IT DECLARES FOR A NEW COURT MARTIAL.

The Court Will Not Sit in Paris, Where It Might be in Danger of Molestation, But at Rennes—The Court Indicates the Scope of the Trial Court.

Paris, June 4.—The court of cassation rendered a verdict in favor of a revision of the Dreyfus case, and ordering a new court-martial, to sit at Rennes, 60 miles from Nantes, for the trial of the prisoner.



CAPT. DREYFUS.

Previous to the announcement of the verdict, crowds of people assembled at the palace of justice and in its neighborhood awaiting the decision. Perfect calm prevailed. The decision, which was pronounced at 3:40 p. m., says the prisoner is to be retried on the following question:

Is Dreyfus guilty of having, in 1894, practiced machinations or of having had communication with a foreign power or its agents with the view of facilitating acts of hostilities in the case of a war with France, or having furnished the means therefor by furnishing notes or documents retracted on the bordereau?

The audience received the decision with cries of "Vive la Justice," "Vive la Loi."

The court quashes and annuls the verdict of condemnation of December 22, 1894, against Alfred Dreyfus by the first court-martial of the military government of Paris, and sends the accused before court-martial at Rennes to be specially appointed to conduct the trial.

This judgment is to be printed and transcribed on the docket of the first court-martial, alongside the decision, which is annulled.

The court then adjourned.

PRESIDENT LOUBET HOOTED.

Insulted and Assaulted by Anti-Semites at the Auteuil Races—Will Act Vigorously.

Paris, June 3.—President Loubet, accompanied by Premier M. Dupuy and the chief of the military household, Gen. McMillan, drove to the Auteuil races yesterday afternoon, closely followed by Madame Loubet in a second landau. As they drove along the Avenue des Champs Elysees, the crowd bowed respectfully; but on arriving at Auteuil, they were met by a violent demonstration, evidently organized, and directed against the president.

There was a storm of hoots, yells and cries of "Panama," "Abas Loubet" and "Vive l'armee." A few shouts of "Vive Loubet" were drowned in the clamor.

A strong force of police kept order and arrested many of the disturbers, including a man who tried to force his way to the president's carriage.

During the second race the clamor increased to violence and was plainly directed by a committee of the League of Patriots, collected with their supporters both before and behind the presidential stand, around which a formidable array proceeded.

During the grandstand chase many blows were struck, and several policemen were injured in their endeavors to prevent an invasion of the presidential stand.

Aimed a Blow at the President. At the crisis of the excitement, while shouts of "Vive l'armee" and "Vive Deroulede" were heard on all sides, Count Christino rushed toward the president, brandishing a stick, and directed a blow against him, striking his hat.

The crowd rushed upon Christino, who only escaped severe handling by being taken under police protection.

President Loubet remained all the while quite unmoved, talking to the premier, while the officers of his military household were defending him against violence.

Guards Surround the President.

Finally, after 30 arrests had been made, the prefect of police ordered the republican guards to surround the presidential stand. The principal leaders of the demonstration were Joseph Leslies, anti-semitic and nationalist, deputy for Gers, and M. Firmin Faure, anti-semitic and nationalist, deputy for Oran, Algeria.

Police Inspector Grilliere had his head seriously wounded in the melee and President Loubet has since decorated him with the cross of the Legion of Honor, in recognition of his devotion to duty.

On returning to the Elysee, M. Loubet received many sympathetic callers.

The Rallying Sign a Carnation.

It seems certain that the demonstration was organized by the Jeuneuse royaliste, the League des Patriotes and anti-semites, the rallying sign being a carnation in the buttonhole.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Recent Deaths.

Judge John E. Fogey, aged 72, at Paynesville, Marion county. He was prominent and wealthy. Harvey Y. Hughes, aged 72, at Warrensburg. He was born in Jackson county, Tenn., and located in Johnson county when a young man. He was county treasurer two terms. He had been president of the Milford (Tex.) bank, the bank of Warrensburg and the Farmers' and Merchants' bank of Warrensburg, disposing of his interest in the latter bank only a few weeks ago.

Severe Storm at Nevada.

Nevada suffered severely the other night from a heavy rainfall and electric storm. The lightning struck in not less than a dozen places. Four or five alarms were turned in during the night. On the premises of the state insane asylum the greatest damage was done. The buildings were struck four times, and a panic prevailed among the inmates. The largest barn on the premises was destroyed, along with a large amount of hay and grain, and nearly all the farming implements. The loss to the state will not be less than \$7,000. The main building at the asylum caught fire, but the flames were subdued without much loss.

Revision of the Statutes.

The collating and indexing committee of the legislature has decided that the volume of the Revised Statutes, which it is preparing for the printer, will contain the laws of general importance, those which will be referred to more than others. The commission also accepted the resignation of Chief Clerk Norton B. Anderson of the commission, and elected the one, son of former Gov. William J. Stone, of St. Louis, to fill the vacancy.

Used Plain Language.

Dr. Robert Neumeier, a well-known evangelist, recently delivered a sermon on "Social Purity" at the First Congregational church, St. Joseph. He used plain language and greatly offended many of the audience. The church members adopted resolutions condemning the sermon, and this led to the resignation of Rev. Albert Bushnell, the pastor. He is one of the best-known preachers in the state.

Fees and Taxes for May.

Secretary of State Lesueur reports fees and taxes collected by him during May and paid into the state treasury as follows: For notarial commissions, \$555; miscellaneous fees, \$426.20; corporation tax, domestic, \$6,460; corporation tax, foreign, \$2,215; land department fees, \$14.50; recording railroad contracts, \$25; bank examination fees, \$1,250; total, \$10,945.70.

The Coming Wheat Crop.

The outlook for wheat, on the whole, less encouraging than some time ago. Serious damage by insects is reported in many places, and rust has developed in a number of the southern counties. There is also some complaint of cheat. Correspondents in the southern sections, however, report the crop looking fine. It is now heading in the northern counties.

Missouri's Oldest Citizen Dead.

William J. Haines, the oldest citizen of Missouri, the oldest member of the G. A. R., the first engineer that ever brought a steamboat up the Mississippi river, and the man who ran the first engine on the Iron Mountain road, died at the Protestant hospital in St. Louis, a few days ago. Haines was born in White County, Tenn., on Christmas day, 1788.

Treasurer Pitts' Statement.

State Treasurer Pitts has filed the statement of the transactions of the treasury department during May with Gov. Stephens. It shows the following: Balance on hand April 30, \$2,812,523.93; receipts for May, \$155,887.92; disbursements for May, \$875,548.83, leaving a balance on hand May 31, \$2,092,863.02.

Southwest Missouri Wheat.

The farmers of southwest Missouri are preparing for wheat harvest. The acreage is a little below the average in that section of the country. In the early part of the season the crop is good, though the chinch bug and red rust may yet do great damage to the grain.

Weedy Cornfields.

Corn has been retarded by cool nights, but is generally doing well. Cultivation is being pushed as rapidly as possible, but in some sections of the state the ground is too wet, and the fields are becoming very weedy.

To Rest in Missouri.

The remains of Bert Armstrong, of Monroe City, who was drowned trying to escape capture in Nicaragua, during the recent revolution in that country, have been returned home for burial.

Some Cotton Fields a Failure.

Cotton in southeast Missouri is doing well in some localities, while in others it is reported at a poor stand. Some is being plowed up and the ground planted in corn.

Report a Good Demand.

The dealers in harvesting machinery report the best sales this year ever known in southwest Missouri. The orders for binders are nearly double the sales of last year.

It Will be Great.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Times says that a government exhibit at the St. Louis World's fair will surpass all others.

Dead in Bed.

Mrs. Roberts, widow of Wade Roberts, of Hopewell, Morgan county, aged 80, was found dead in bed a few mornings ago.

To Erect a Monument.

Daughters of the Confederacy are endeavoring to raise sufficient money to erect a monument at Springfield.

Robbed a Depot Safe.

The safe in the Missouri Pacific passenger depot at Webb City was blown open by three masked men and about \$100 taken.

Oats Doing Well.

Oats are generally doing well except in some northeastern counties, where they are being injured by an excess of moisture.

The Meadows.

Meadows are reported short in a few counties, and in the central and southeastern sections many are very weedy.

THE PAST IS FORGOTTEN.

That is, Diplomatically Speaking, and Everything is Lovely as Before the War.

ONCE AGAIN WE'RE FRIENDS WITH SPAIN.

The New Spanish Minister, Duc d'Arcos, Presents His Credentials to the President—Exchange of Good Wishes—A Stellar Programme Was Carried Out at Madrid.

Washington, June 4.—Diplomatic relations with Spain, broken off April 21, 1894, were formally resumed when President McKinley greeted Duc d'Arcos, the newly accredited minister to the United States, in the blue parlor of the White House. Simultaneously in Madrid, if the programme arranged was carried out, Bellamy Storer, the new United States minister to Spain, was being presented to Christina, the queen regent, during the legal minority of her majesty, Alphonse XIII. It was a notable occasion, containing the world's history—the resumption of friendly relations between two nations which had been at war, and in the brief struggle had changed the map of the world.

The speeches were especially notable. They were plain spoken, and devoid of the usual hazy diplomatic phraseology.

The ceremony was exceedingly simple. Spanish Minister to the United States, promptly at 11 o'clock, the hour set, the two envoys exchanged the Duc d'Arcos, Secretary Hay, and the secretaries of the new Spanish minister, Senors Riano and Jastor, reached the White House.

Resplendent Diplomatic Uniforms. The duke was attired in his resplendent diplomatic uniform. Across his coat he wore a scarlet sash, and on his breast sparkled the insignia of half a dozen orders, the dazzling cross of the Order of the Catholic, being the most conspicuous. He carried his plumed chapeau in his left hand, and the copy of his address in his right.

The secretaries were likewise attired in their gorgeous diplomatic uniforms. On reaching the blue parlor, they were presented by Secretary Hay to Col. Bingham, who remained with them while the secretary of state retired for a moment. He immediately reappeared with President McKinley, to whom was presented the Duc d'Arcos and Senors Riano and Pastor. The president was cordial, but dignified in his greeting. Duc d'Arcos then read his address in Spanish. He stood a little in advance of his aides, facing the president, while a little to the rear and right of the president stood Secretary Hay, Col. Bingham, and Assistant Secretary Cortelyou, stood up, on the left. The minister said:

Mr. President: I have the honor to place in your excellency's hands the royal letter by which her majesty, the queen regent, has accredited me as minister plenipotentiary. I am extremely honored to have come to renew the relations of friendship which have existed from of old between Spain and the United States, and which were interrupted by the war of last year. The treaty of peace which was signed at Madrid, on the 12th of May, and now, looking only to the future, Spain and the United States are now republics may be as friendly as they were in times past, and from the day in which this country was struggling to gain its independence. It is my task to contribute to the renewal of the relations, to strengthen them, and to draw them closer; and, in the discharge of this duty, I am aided by the kind and co-operation of your excellency and of your government.

President McKinley's Response. The president responded as follows: Mr. Minister: I receive with the greatest gratification the letter by which her majesty, the queen regent of Spain, in the name of her august son, Alphonse XIII, has accredited you near this government as envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary.

You will find, Mr. Minister, a cordial welcome in this country, not only from those whose friendship you acquired during your former residence, but from all those who rejoice as I do, at the renewal of the ancient bonds of amity which, with brief interruption, have existed for nations for more than one hundred years. I am glad to see you here, and I am glad to see the prospect of the crop is good, though the chinch bug and red rust may yet do great damage to the grain.

It was noticeable that Duc d'Arcos, in referring to the gratification with which Spain resumed the friendly relations with the United States that had existed for over a hundred years, plainly said that these relations had been broken by war, while the president spoke only of the relations interrupted for a short time.

Cordial Greetings. At the conclusion of the address, the president stepped forward and shook hands cordially with the new minister, and they engaged in conversation in a low tone for a minute or two. The president gracefully inquired after the health of the queen regent and the king. He courteously referred to the duke's former residence in this country and his many friends here, and repeated the assurances of the concluding words of his formal greeting, that every one here would unite in making the minister's stay in this country pleasant and satisfactory.

The party then retired, and was